

IN THE CLAIMS

The status of the claims is as noted below:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) A translating apparatus for translating a text input in a first language and outputting a text translated in a second language and for translating a text input in said second language and outputting a text translated in said first language, said translating apparatus comprising:

translator means for translating said first language into said second language and for translating said second language into said first language;

history storage means for storing a history of dialogs in said first language and said second language;

knowledge storage means for storing predetermined knowledge; and

processing means for performing predetermined processing based on the dialog history and the predetermined knowledge. A translating apparatus according to Claim 1,

wherein said processing means generates a response based on the dialog history and the predetermined knowledge to each of the input texts to the input text without outputting a translation of the input text.

3. (Currently Amended) A translating apparatus for translating a text input in a first language and outputting a text translated in a second language and for translating a text input in said second language and outputting a text translated in said first language, said translating apparatus comprising:

translator means for translating said first language into said second language and for translating said second language into said first language;

history storage means for storing a history of dialogs in said first language and said second language;

knowledge storage means for storing predetermined knowledge; and

processing means for performing predetermined processing based on the dialog history and the predetermined knowledge. A translating apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein:

wherein said processing means checks, based on the dialog history and the predetermined knowledge, the result of translation by said translator means, and supplies the result of the checking to said translator means; and

said translator means performs translation based on the information from said processing means.

4. (Currently Amended) A translating apparatus for translating a text input in a first language and outputting a text translated in a second language and for translating a text input in said second language and outputting a text translated in said first language, said translating apparatus comprising:

translator means for translating said first language into said second language and for translating said second language into said first language;

history storage means for storing a history of dialogs in said first language and said second language;

knowledge storage means for storing predetermined knowledge; and

processing means for performing predetermined processing based on the dialog history and the predetermined knowledge, A translating apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein:

wherein said processing means detects, ~~based on the dialog history and the predetermined knowledge,~~ a transition of the topic of a dialog, and supplies the result of the detection to said translator means; and

said translator means performs translation based on the information from said processing means.

5-6. (Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) A translating apparatus for translating a text input in a first language and outputting a text translated in a second language and for translating a text input in said second language and outputting a text translated in said first language, said translating apparatus comprising:

translator means for translating said first language into said second language and for translating said second language into said first language;

history storage means for storing a history of dialogs in said first language and said second language;

knowledge storage means for storing predetermined knowledge; and

processing means for performing predetermined processing based on the dialog history and the predetermined knowledge A translating apparatus according to Claim 6,

wherein said processing means acquires information required for the translation, and supplies the acquired information to said translator means, or requests a user of said translating apparatus to input the required information when the required information cannot be acquired and supplies the required information to said translator means.

8.-11. (Canceled).

12. (New) A method for translating a text input in a first language and outputting a text translated in a second language and for translating a text input in said second language and outputting a text translated in said first language, said method comprising the steps of:

translating said first language into said second language and translating said second language into said first language using a translating means;

storing a history of dialogs in said first language and said second language;

storing predetermined knowledge; and

performing predetermined processing based on the dialog history and the predetermined knowledge using a processing means,

wherein a response to the input text is generated by the processing means without outputting a translation of the input text.

13. (New) A method for translating a text input in a first language and outputting a text translated in a second language and for translating a text input in said second language and outputting a text translated in said first language, said method comprising the steps of:

translating said first language into said second language and translating said second language into said first language using a translating means;

storing a history of dialogs in said first language and said second language;

storing predetermined knowledge; and

performing predetermined processing based on the dialog history and the predetermined knowledge using a processing means,

wherein the result of translation is checked by the processing means, and the result of the checking is supplied to the translating means by said processing means; and

said translating is performed by said translating means based on the information from said processing means.

14. (New) A method for translating a text input in a first language and outputting a text translated in a second language and for translating a text input in said second language and outputting a text translated in said first language, said method comprising the steps of:

translating said first language into said second language and translating said second language into said first language using a translating means;

storing a history of dialogs in said first language and said second language;

storing predetermined knowledge; and

performing predetermined processing based on the dialog history and the predetermined knowledge using a processing means,

wherein a transition of the topic of a dialog is detected by said processing means, and the result of the detection is supplied to said translating means by said processing means; and

said translating is performed by said translating means based on the information from said processing means.

15. (New) A method for translating a text input in a first language and outputting a text translated in a second language and for translating a text input in said second language and outputting a text translated in said first language, said method comprising the steps of:

translating said first language into said second language and translating said second language into said first language using a translating means;

storing a history of dialogs in said first language and said second language;

storing predetermined knowledge; and

performing predetermined processing based on the dialog history and the predetermined knowledge using a processing means,

wherein information required for the translation is acquired by said processing means and the acquired information is supplied to the translating means by said processing means, or a user is requested to input the required information when the required information cannot be acquired and the required information is supplied to the translating means by said processing means.